

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

Claims 15, 17-19, 22 and 25-27 have been allowed. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 28 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakajima (US 2002/0044509).

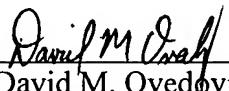
In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claim 28 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. As a result, only allowed claims remain pending in the application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

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